

# Third Sunday of Easter



**April 14, 2024**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**

*I Love to Tell the Story*, arr. Lloyd Larson


**Welcome**



## Hymn

## Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

*Refrain/Estribillo*



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.  
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Run, faith - ful wom-en, to the grave-side. Mar - vel, the  
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep-ing; Christ stands be -  
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning: sud - den - ly  
4 Thom-as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -



stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is  
fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -  
Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed  
lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

*Refrain/Estribillo*



ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.  
ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."  
Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."  
Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**I John 3:1-7** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the St. John's first letter to the early church

What marvelous love our Abba God has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who God is or what God's up to.

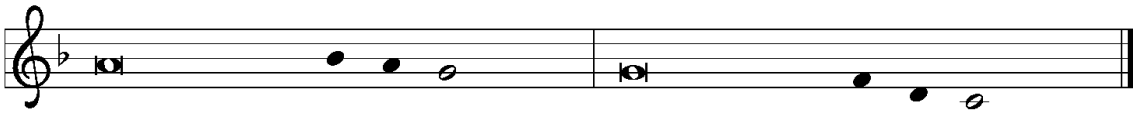
But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in him, and sin is not part of his program. No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backward.

So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth. It's the person who *acts* right who *is* right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

## Psalm 4



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Answer me when I call, O God, defender <sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> hear  
my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- <sup>1</sup> or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek <sup>1</sup> after lies?”**

Know that the LORD does wonders <sup>1</sup> for the faithful;  
The LORD will hear me <sup>1</sup> when I call.

**Tremble, then, and <sup>1</sup> do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- <sup>1</sup> on your bed.**

Offer the appointed <sup>1</sup> sacrifices,  
and put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us <sup>1</sup> any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon <sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
more than when grain and <sup>1</sup> wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie <sup>1</sup> down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me <sup>1</sup> rest secure.**



*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**Luke 24:36-49** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While Cleopas and his companion were telling the disciples what happened on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you.” They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, “Don’t be upset, and don’t let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it’s really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn’t have muscle and bone like this.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn’t believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true.

He asked, “Do you have any food here?” They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes.

Then he said to them, “Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled.”

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, “You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You’re the first to hear and see it. You’re the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Abba promised to you, so stay here in the city until the Spirit arrives, until you’re equipped with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Message

*Only the Suffering God can Help*

## Musical Reflection

### *Touch That Soothes and Heals*

Mary Louise Bringle  
Senior Choir

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,  
hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary,  
bearing burdens in their stead:

#### *Refrain*

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter:  
Christ will find a welcome there. *Refrain*

Love and serve without distinction  
all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness  
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain*

Hands that beckon little children,  
bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings,  
Christ arisen, still reveal. *Refrain*





## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.  
Amen.**

*Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:*

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,  
Kevin Bailey's sister Klea Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and  
her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece  
Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman,  
Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's  
sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren,  
David Williams, Rose Jordan, Mary Watt  
For the people of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Pataskala  
For Redeemer community member Helen Wang

## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.*

*For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.*

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.*



*In body or spirit, please stand*

## Offertory

## You Are Holy

1\*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

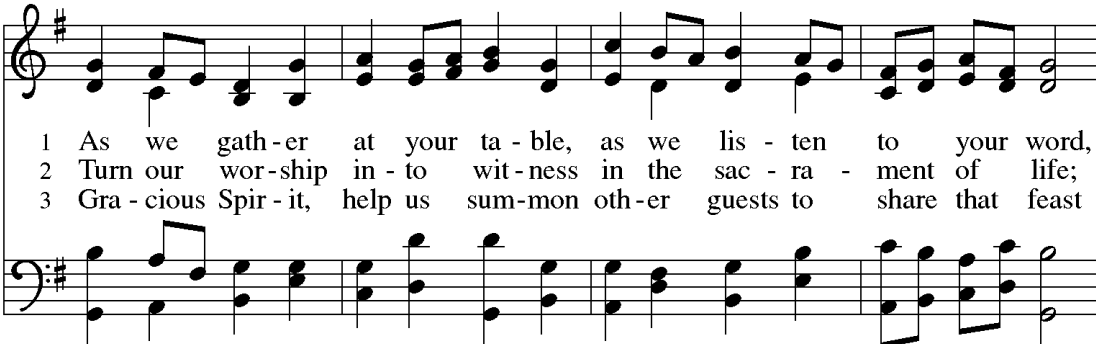
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.

*Please be seated*

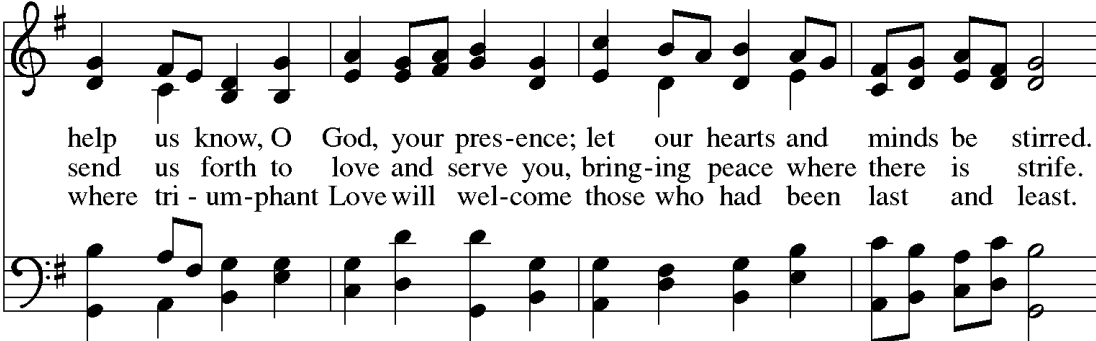
*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*

# Hymn

## As We Gather at Your Table



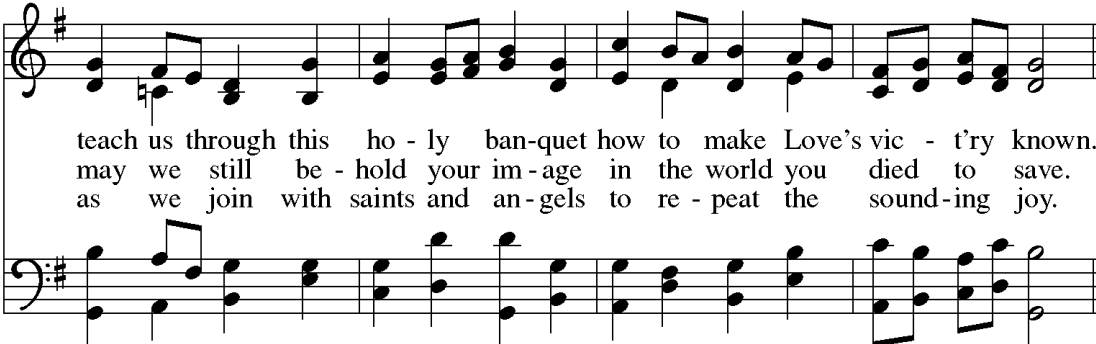
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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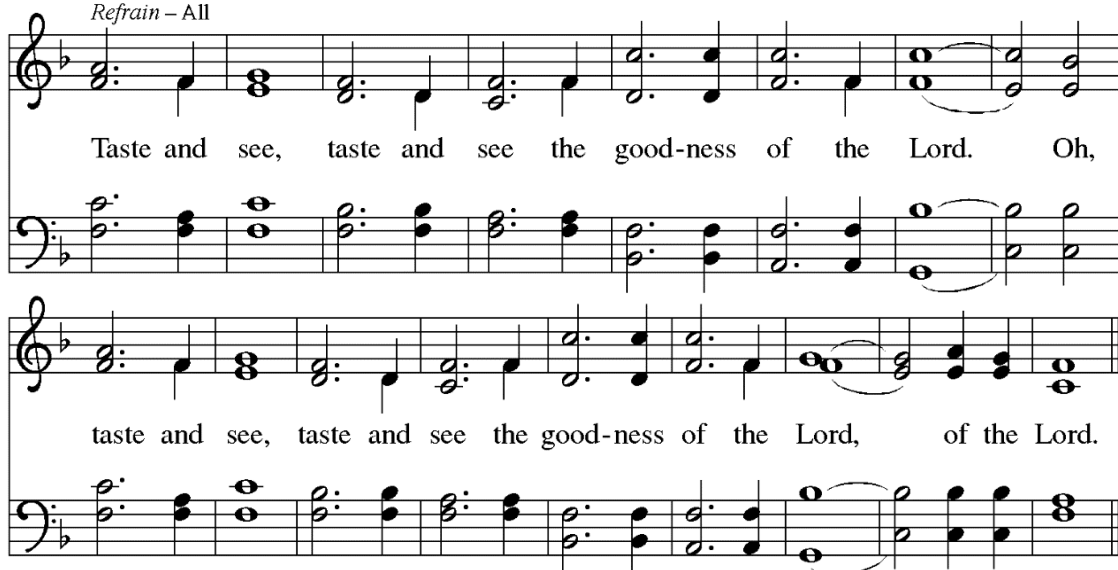
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# Hymn

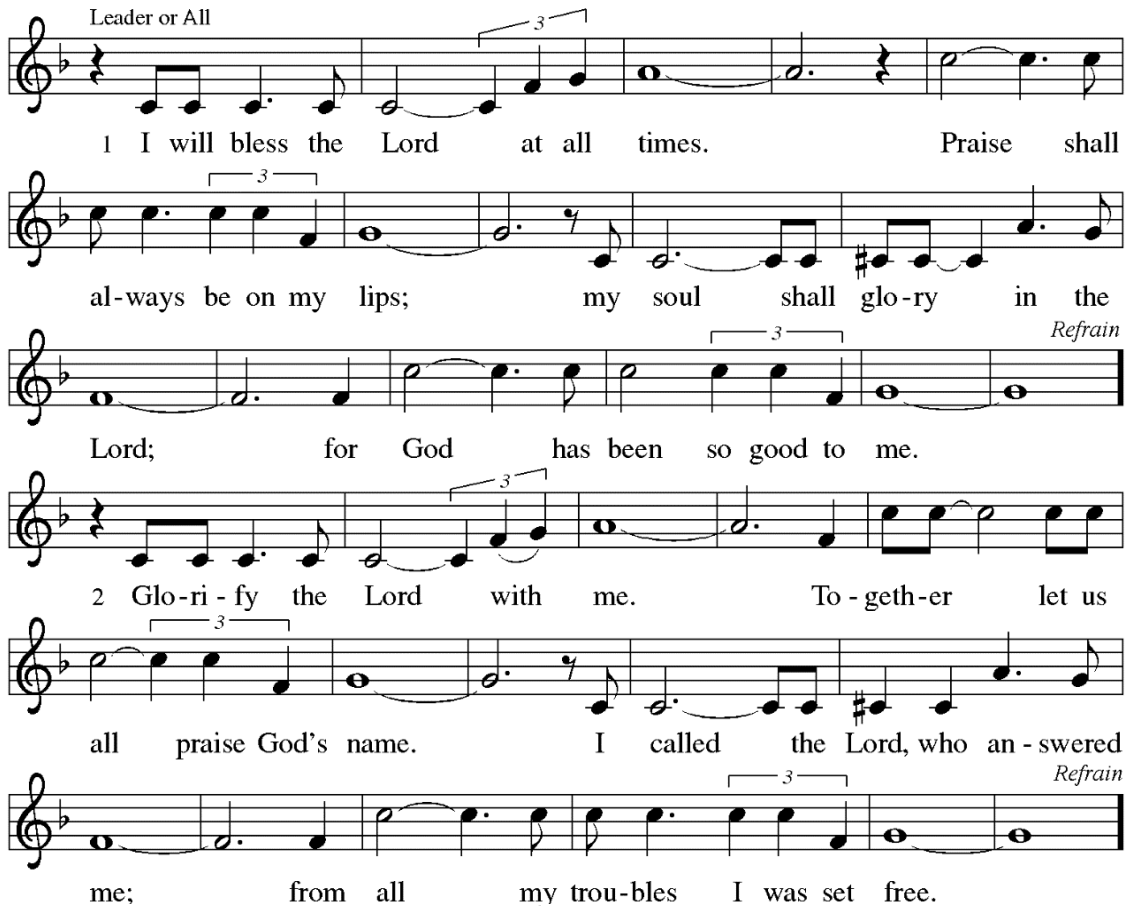
## Taste and See

*Refrain - All*



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,  
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*



1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall  
al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the  
Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*  
2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us  
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered *Refrain*  
me; from all my trou-les I was set free.



3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

### *Lift High the Cross*, arr. John Carter

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### *Adult Ed – April 14, 11:15 am*

Executive Director Nancy DeRoberts-Moore of the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Berwick will talk about the ministries of this organization and the ways we might partner with this neighborhood program.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

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*Healing Prayer  
is offered at worship  
the second Sunday of  
each month.*



**Monthly Sunday School for all ages!**

**Sunday, April 14 == 11:15 am**



**Rally**  
**15 April, 7pm**  
**Congregation Tifereth Israel**  
**1354 E. Broad Street**



**Bible Study**  
**Resurrection Stories**  
**Tuesdays + 1:00 pm**

Our weekly Bible study dives into questions about how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell the stories of Easter.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTWl1bHR0N1FHbFRZdStqbK9Bdz09>

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**Journaling**  
**Workshop**  
**7:00 pm**  
**April 16**  
**In-Person - Outer**  
**Pastor's Office**



**Adult Ed - April 21, 11:15 am**

On this day-before earth day, we will talk about Creation Care and how we find ourselves responding to climate change. We will have with us from Seattle on Zoom Mike Schut, formerly with an interfaith organization addressing a variety of topics around Creation Care.

In-Person and Zoom:

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## *Coffee and Conversation*

**Wednesday, April 17**

**10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex**

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



**Birthdays this week:**

15 – Jillanne Disbro

16 – Mike Benis

18 – Isaac Marquez

19 – April Smith

19 – Damon Stewart



**Wednesday, April 17**

**7-8:30 pm**



## ***ANXIOUS PEOPLE***

*by Fredrik Backman*

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**IN-PERSON and ZOOM**

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## **LSS/MidOhio Food Collective**

### **Food Giveaway**

**Thursday April 18**

*Extras this month: Hair Care products (shampoo, conditioner, etc.)*

*Volunteers always welcome!*

*Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson  
([sue.watson@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sue.watson@columbus.rr.com) or 614-560-4261).*

*We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!*

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michele Disbro
<b>Reader</b>	Kelley Frank
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger, Naomi Morgan
<b>Producers</b>	Judith Bird, April Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are donated by members of Redeemer.  
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 14 – 21

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	BREAD Rally
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	Book Group
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>SET UP for Food Giveaway</b>
	3-5:30 pm	<b>LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class

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